40. (Currently amended) A method for charging a consumer in response to permanently storing a music selection, the method comprising:

receiving a consumer request for ~~a~~ at least one music selection;

responsive to said consumer request, transmitting the at least one music selection to a consumer station located at a consumer site, the consumer station comprising at least ~~to~~ an intermediate storage medium at a consumer site;

storing the at least one music selection in the intermediate storage medium;

receiving a request to purchase the at least one music selection, the request to purchase indicated by a request to permanently store the at least one music selection in a permanent storage medium;

receiving an indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded from the intermediate storage medium to a permanent storage medium located at the consumer site; and

responsive to said indication, automatically charging, by a computer, the consumer for the music selection.